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SUBJECT: TRAVEL POLICY IN GDR AND IN BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 02752 (B) BERLIN 5132

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE DRAFT POLICY PAPER (TPP) FOR ALLIED PERSONNEL SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN REF (A). OUR COMMENTS NOW, AS IN REF (B), ARE LIMITED TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE TPP WHICH CONCERNS "PERSONNEL OF ALLIED EMBASSIES TO THE GDR". THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF THE MORE COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT IN REF (B).

2. THE PROPOSED FOOTNOTE IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE DRAFT TPP DOES NOT FULLY REFLECT THE EMBASSY'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF U.S. FORCES IDENTIFICATION CARDS BY PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND THEIR
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DEPENDENTS. THESE (YELLOW) CARDS IDENTIFY THE BEARER

AS "A MEMBER OF THE U.S. FORCES, BERLIN"-- A DESIGNATION THAT CANNOT PROPERLY BE APPLIED TO A PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF AMEMBASSY BERLIN.

3. AS THE FOOTNOTE IS NOT WORDED IN THE DRAFT TPP WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF US FORCES IDENTIFICATION CARDS, EMBASSY BERLIN "UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES" IS "NOT MAKING USE OF THIS POSSIBILITY" AS A MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION. THE EMPHASIS IS ON THE NON- USE OF AN OTHERWISE AVAILABLE POSSIBILITY.

4. WE DO NOT REGARD THIS POSSIBILITY, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AS EXTANT AND WISH TO SEE EMPHASIS IN THE FOOTNOTE PLACED ON THIS FINDING RATHER THAN ON THE MERE NON-USE OF AN OPPORTUNITY THAT IS OTHERWISE ACCEPTABLE.

5. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST THAT THE FOOTNOTE BE REDRAFTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"UNDER PRESENT CURCUMSTANCES (I.E. THE PRESENT WORDING OF THE U.S. FORCES BERLIN IDENTIFICATION CARD WHICH DESCRIBES THE BEARER AS "A MEMBER OF THE U.S. FORCES, BERLIN"), THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BERLIN DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT ITS REGULARLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND RELATIVES CAN PROPERLY MAKE USE OF THIS POSSIBILITY".

6. AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE, EMBASSY PERSONNEL WILL CONTINUE TO USE GDR DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS IN SECTOR-TO-SECTOR CROSSINGS.COOPER

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